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NOTE VERBALE DATED 19 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 16 and 18 August 1993, there appear to have been 7 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to this note verbale. Additionally, there appear to have been 2 flights on 15 August 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of these flights are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 802.

ANNEX I

INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(16 - 18 August 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
815	16 Aug	16.30	16.46	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter flying 36 kilometres southwest of Tuzla. Warnings were issued and subsequently ignored. A few minutes later, the fighters lost visual contact, but radar coverage indicated that the helicopter may have landed at Visca Quarry. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Northeast Slow Very low
816 817 818 819	16 Aug	23.00	23.00	An UNPROFOR patrol observed 4 possible MI-8 helicopters flying 10 kilometres northeast of Zepa. Lack of visibility precluded a positive identification. These flights occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Northeast Slow Low
				[17 Aug: no violations reported]	
820 821	18 Aug	04.16	05.50	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe landing 43 kilometres north of Mostar. Vehicles and 15-20 people were waiting on the ground. A few minutes later, the helicopter took-off despite warnings issued by the fighters. The helicopter soon turned east and landed 40 kilometres north of Mostar. After approximately one hour on the ground, the helicopter took-off a second time. All contact was lost 26 kilometres southwest of Sarajevo. The flights of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Slow Low

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ANNEX II

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(15 August 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
822 823	15 Aug	20.30	21.00	An UNPROFOR patrol observed 2 helicopters of an unknown type orbiting east to west 10 kilometres west of Srebrenica. These flights occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Various Unknown 500 ft.